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ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a method for producing bearing shells, according to which blanks are produced from a strip material, whereupon said blanks are transformed into bearing shells and the bearing shells are provided with a lubricating layer. In order to be able to create a mark in an area that is visible once the bearing shell has been mounted, at least one engraved mark is introduced into the interior surface of the blank or the bearing shell within a strip-shaped region located below the partial area before the lubricating layer is applied. The depth and width of said engraved mark are selected such that the contour of the engraved mark is maintained once the lubricating layer has been applied.

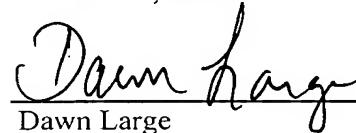
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